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GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Servants - Revenue Department - Disciplinary Proceedings initiated against Sri A.Vandanam, former Tahsildar, Ponnaluru Mandal, Prakasam District (Retd) - Article of Charges issued - WSD submitted - Enquiry Officer appointed - Enquiry report submitted - Communicated - Further explanation submitted - SCN issued - Representation submitted - to impose a penalty of "withholding of 10% of monthly pension for a period of five (5) years" - Orders - Issued.

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REVENUE (VIGILANCE.III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.841 **Dated:10.10.2022**

Read the following:

1. CCLA's Ref.No.VS-III(2)/174/2012, Dated:30.07.2013.
2. Explanation dt:05.11.2014 of Sri A.Vandanam, former Tahsildar, Ponnaluru Mandal, Prakasam District (Retd).
3. G.O.Rt.No.130, Revenue (Vig.III) Dept, Dated:19.02.2015.
4. Enquiry report of the Joint Collector, Prakasam District,Rc.A1/168/2013, Dated:05.09.2018.
5. Govt.Memo.No.LANA0CCLV(DISC)/30/2018-Vig.III, Dated:18.11.2019.
6. Explanation dt:20.12.2019 of Sri A.Vandanam, former Tahsildar, Ponnaluru Mandal, Prakasam District (Retd).
7. Govt. Memo.No.LANA0CCLV(DISC)/30/2018-Vig.III(2), Dt18/04/2022
8. Explanation dt:29.05.2022 of Sri A.Vandanam, former Tahsildar, Ponnaluru (M), Prakasam District (Retd).
9. Letter.No.LANA0CCLV(DISC)/30/2018-Vig.III(2), Dt:20.06.2022.
10. From the Secretary, APPSC, Lr.No.GAD03-ASPPSC0DCC/48/2022- DCC, Dt:03.09.2022

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ORDER:

Whereas, in the reference 1st read above, the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., has initiated disciplinary proceedings against Sri A.Vandanam, former Tahsildar, (now Retd), Sri J.Venu Gopal, MRI and Sri M.Gopal, VRO, O/o Tahsildar, Ponnaluru Mandal, Prakasam District on the allegation of irregularities committed in tampering of Village records resulting in transfer of Govt. lands to Private persons for an extent of Ac.96-25 cents in Sy.No.423/2 to 423/10 of Boganampadu Village of Ponnalur Mandal of Prakasam District and the Article of charges have been served on the concerned. The Charged Officer i.e., Sri A.Vandanam, Tahsildar (Retd), along with others, have submitted explanations to the charges issued. Out of 3 Charged Officers Sri A.Vandanam, Tahsildar, and Sri M.Gopal, VRO have retired from service, the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P has requested the Government for taking further necessary action in the matter, as Govt is competent authority in respect of retired Govt employees.

2. And whereas, since the explanations of the Charged Officers is not convincing, Govt. have appointed the Joint Collector, Prakasam District as Inquiring Authority to inquire into the charges framed against Sri A.Vandanam, & 2 others, vide reference 3rd read above. In the reference 4th read above, the Joint Collector, Ongole has submitted a report and held that in respect of Sri A.Vandanam, Tahsildar (Retd) charge-I (issue of land status certificate, which is not prescribed by the Govt) is proved and charge-II (failed to supervise the subordinate staff) is not proved. In respect of Sri J.Venu Gopal, MRI charge (tampering of records) is not proved. In respect of Sri M.Gopal, VRO the charge (tampering of records) is not proved. After examining the findings of the Inquiry officer, Govt have accepted the same. Accordingly, a copy of the Inquiry report has been communicated to the Charged officer Sri A.Vandanam, Tahsildar (Retd) for his explanation vide reference 5th read above. In the reference 6th read above, Sri A.Vandanam, Tahsildar (Retd) has submitted his further explanation on the findings of the Enquiry officer, with a request to exonerate of the charges leveled against him.

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3. After careful examination of the findings of the Inquiry officer and further explanation of the Charged officer Sri A.Vandanam, Tahsildar (Retd), it is provisionally decided to impose a penalty of "withholding of 10% of monthly pension for a period of five (5) years" against Sri A.Vandanam, former Tahsildar, Ponnaluru Mandal, Prakasam District (Retd), under Rule 9 of A.P.Revised Pension Rules, 1980. Accordingly, a Show Cause notice has been issued as to why the proposed penalty should not be imposed upon him, vide the reference 7th read above. In the reference 8th read above, Sri A.Vandanam, Tahsildar (Retd) has submitted his representation reiterating his earlier contentions and requested to consider his case sympathetically and to drop further action against him.

4. After examining the further representation of the Charged officer and after obtaining the orders of the competent authority as per the A.P.Secretariat Business Rules, it is decided to impose a penalty of "withholding of 10% of monthly pension for a period of five (5) years" against Sri A.Vandanam, former Tahsildar, Ponnaluru Mandal, Prakasam District (Retd). Accordingly, the Secretary, APPSC was requested to place the above proposals of the Govt, before the commission and obtain the concurrence and furnish the same to Government for taking further action in the matter, vide the reference 9th read above.

5. And whereas, in the reference 10th read above, the Secretary, APPSC has informed that after careful examination of the disciplinary case in the light of the records made available, Commission proposed to enhance the punishment to 10% permanently as the proposed punishment is very less compared to act of misconduct proved and advised accordingly.

6. Government, after careful examination of the matter, have decided to confirm the provisional decision taken and accordingly hereby impose a penalty of "withholding of 10% of monthly pension for a period of five (5) years" against Sri A.Vandanam, former Tahsildar, Ponnaluru Mandal, Prakasam District (Retd) in terms of Rule 9 of Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

7. The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, Andhra Pradesh, Mangalagiri / the Collector & District Magistrate, Prakasam District shall take necessary action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

G. SAI PRASAD
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (FAC)

To

Sri A.Vandanam, former Tahsildar, Ponnaluru Mandal, Prakasam District (Retd) **through** the Collector & District Magistrate, Prakasam District, Ongole.
The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, Andhra Pradesh, Mangalagiri.
The Collector & District Magistrate, Prakasam District, Ongole.

Copy to:-

The Principal Accountant General (A&E), A.P., Hyderabad.
The Secretary, Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission, Vijayawada.
The Secretary to Commissioner, A.P.Vigilance Commission, Velagapudi,
Sf/Sc.

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SECTION OFFICER